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ANNUAL MEETING IN DETROIT

The Michigan Token and Medal Society (Mich-TAMS) held their regular fall meeting on Nov. 27/71 in conjunction with the Michigan State Numismatic Society convention in Detroit.

President of Mich-TAMS, Raymond E. Olson, reviewed the past year's activities. John W. Canfield of Ann Arbor, well-known collector of Civil War tokens, was elected to the three year term on the board of directors. We welcome John's assistance and counsel. Many of you will recall that John served as local chairman of the fall Mich-TAMS show in Ann Arbor.

Thelma Morningstar of Radnor, Ohio, who so kindly agreed to serve as our interim editor of the Junk Box, asked to be relieved of those duties. Her request was accepted with regrets. We were fortunate that Chester F. Clark of Howell, Michigan, agreed to serve in this post. All present at the meeting agreed to give Mr. Clark their fullest cooperation. The cooperation of the entire membership is solicited. No other activity of our organization is as important as our publication, nor does any activity depend so much on the members for its success.

All other officers were continued in their present positions for 1972. Ray Olson of Livonia, Mich. is President, Robert K Iusch of Monroe, Mich is 1st VP, Robert Dewey of Musketon is 2nd VP, Norma Killinger of Livonia is Treasurer, Michael A Killinger of Livonia is Secretary, and the Board of Directors are Robert Williams of Ferndale, Don R. McKelvey of Port Huron, and John Canfield of Ann Arbor.

Members were reminded that while dues were suspended for 1971 due to relative inactivity during 1970, the annual \$2 memberships are again payable for 1972. We trust we will merit your confidence and continued interest, and that Norma Killinger will receive your \$2 checks soon.

KEEP 'EM COMING

Our president acknowledges with sincere appreciation the receipt of no less than 40 pieces of exnumia for auction purposes from a valued member David E Schulz #115, 503 E. Howard, Winona, Minn 55987. The postage was nearly a dollar. Participants in our next auction have something to look forward to. Thank you, Mr Schulz.

If we receive additional contributions our president would like to list a mail bid auction in our next Junk Box. Auctions are fun. Think about it. Thanks to all contributors and bidders at our fall meeting. Seven members purchased. Steve Penzes successfully took 5 lots. Our Mich-TAMS treasury became \$14 richer.

ADDRESSES YOU'LL NEED

Treasurer: Mrs. Norma Killinger, 31601 W Chicago, Livonia Mich 48150

Editor: Chester F Clark, 3367 Jewell Rd, Howell Mich 48843

Temporary Chairman of proposed spring Mich-Tans Show: Phil Chilcote,
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FISH STORY - EXONUMIA STYLE

by Gerald Johnson #331

Some years ago an aluminum bottle check turned up bearing the words Smith Brothers' Fish Shanty, Port Washington, Wisconsin, on the obverse, and Good for 5¢ if Returned With Bottle, on the reverse. Fish shanties are few and far between here in the midwest so research was in order, turning up the following "fishy" story.

Long ago, before the era of the lamprey eel and DDT poisoning, the upper Great Lakes produced huge and bountiful harvests of lake trout, perch, white fish, and chubs for the hundreds of commercial fishermen who plied these clear, rugged deeps. Way back in 1848 the Smith Brothers' Fishery was founded in Port Washington, Wisconsin with the purpose of providing a ready outlet and processing plant for these local fishermen. Port Washington lies on the SW side of Lake Michigan, a few miles north of the port of Milwaukee. The firm still exists, though the concept of its creation is but a shadow of the good old days with only one fishing boat operating at present from the port fishery.

No perch or lake trout in quantity remain on the western banks of Lake Michigan. Most of the commercial catch now consists of white fish. These are largely found on the southern end of the lake near Ill. The Smith Brothers' plant still processes a few white fish and chubs but most processed now are flown over 1,000 from the E and W coasts and Canada. Among the unlikely salt water fish to be processed in Wisconsin are haddock, halibut, scrod, ocean perch, and blue fish.

The very fact that the Smith Brothers' operation has survived at all is a tribute to family management. The ownership is now in the 4th generation but the first Fish Shanty Eatery was created by 2nd generation Evelyn Smith in 1934. The original shanty had a counter and 12 stools plus a couple of tables, in a wood frame building. The interior was decorated like a fisherman's shanty. Dozens of 18th century relics and antiques added to the atmosphere. Word soon spread of the excellent food and atmosphere. Several additions were made before the whole complex burned in 1953.

The Smiths quickly rebuilt a modern brick fish shanty that now also houses their offices. Though their enterprises now run a number of ultramodern outlets and restaurants, the balance of old and new is kept. The lake chubs are smoked over maple and hickory pit fires at Port Washington exactly as 80 years ago. No other method will do the job as well.

NOTICE FROM OUR TREASURER - Your \$2 dues for 1972 are now payable to Mrs. Norma Killinger, 31601 W Chicago, Livonia, Mich 48150.

by Ken Hallenbeck, Fort Wayne, 155

I've had in my possession since December 19, 1968 an interesting counterstamped large cent. It is dated 1849 and counterstamped on the obverse is "H. WORDEN, YPSILANTI. Counterstamped on the reverse is "YPSILANTI. I believe this to be the only known counterstamped coin there is for the state of Michigan.

Some research in the Fort Wayne Public Library has turned up some incomplete information, but nevertheless interesting. A quote from the History of Washtenaw County Michigan on pages 1239 and 1240 is as follows: "The ship-socket factory of Worden Bros. was established in 1863. During 1863 Mr. Curtis, of the Curtis Carriage Factory, invented a whip-socket and patented it the same year. This patent he sold to the Worden Bros., who entered immediately on its manufacture. During the next 12 years, this firm achieved a success which to many appears wonderful. The buildings and machinery were so many evidences of progress and extensiveness of the trade a record of business tact and enterprise."

MR. S. McKINLEY'S MIDDLE NAME

Your editor has been baffled for months about the middle name of our martyr president William McKinley. Did he have a middle name? If so what was it? And why isn't it mentioned in the history books? If anyone can shed any light please, please let me know. This puzzle all started a couple of years ago when I purchased at a coin show what I believe was an Indian Head cent, or similar planchet, that has been crudely hammered smooth, and then punched with crude letters the dates of McKinley's birth and assassination and death. Someone who had lots of time, or was a prisoner, or felt very deeply, must have made this.

The name stamped in shows Wm B McKinley, or possibly the middle initial could have been intended for an F. Now I own a large volume biography of McKinley in great detail, printed also in 1901 probably 2 or 3 months after his death. No middle initial is given anywhere in it. History books and encyclopedias the same - no initial.

So I refer to the political button book by Dick Bristow and all political items are catalogued under the initials WBM for McKinley. The middle initial stamped into my hammered token is definitely not a B. Did the person making the token make an error? Was B possibly for his nickname Bill, or possibly for Bryan, his opponents last name?

EARLIEST US TRADE TOKENS

From an 1885 booklet "Illustrated History of the U.S. Mint" we read the following 2 paragraphs on page 99: "The first tokens were issued by the first firm in N.Y. city, and are considered the first tradesmen's tokens coined in America. Device, a clock with an eagle perched upon the top. Legend, 'Hotts, N.Y. Importers, Dealers, Manufacturers of Gold and Silver Ware.' Reverse, an eagle with wings expanded, facing left; a shield is upon his breast, and the talons have arrows and olive branch respectively. Above is the date 1793. Legend: 'Chronometers, Clocks, Watches, Jewelry, Silver Ware.' The Talbot, Allum & Lee Tokens have as device a ship sailing towards the right. Above the ship, 'New York.' Legend: 'Talbot, Allum & Lee, One Cent.' Reverse, the Goddess of Liberty, standing beside a bale of merchandise; her right hand supports the liberty staff, with a Phrygian cap; her left rests upon a rudder. Legend, 'Liberty and Commerce.' Date, 1794. On the edge, 'Payable at the Store of Talbot, Allum & Lee, 150 N. 2nd St. N.Y.C.'"

CLASSIFIEDS

- Wanted: Car wash tokens from Michigan cities: Monroe, Howell, Jackson, others. Have duplicate car wash tokens, centennial coins, trade checks & transportation tokens to trade or will buy for cash. Don McElvey 2822-19th Ave Port Huron Mich 48060.
- Wanted: Tokens from any state with town and state on them. Have Kansas and others to trade 1 for 1. Jesse Schlegel 614 Locust, Wamego Kansas 66547.
- Wanted: Would like to hear from anyone who may have wooden nickels of the 1933 and 1934 Chicago Century of Progress, or wooden postcards from any Worlds Fair or Exposition. All letters answered. Thanks. Steve Penzes 9312 W Fort, Detroit Mich 48209.
- Wanted: For alphabet collection, tokens whose towns, issuer's names, or items advertised, start with letters Q-X-Z. Please send embossing and price. J W Baum 3113 N Arkansas Ave Wichita Kansas 67204.
- Trade: Harvard's Clipper Ale Lowell Mass Good Luck Token brass for other beer tokens needed. Wanted: Raised initial RR uniform buttons. For your SASE: My personal AVA alum token. H J Turgeon 143 Harrison Ave Warwick R I 02888.
- Trade: Mr Schleimer dollar (Ingle System) token attributed to Saginaw Mich, for your six Mich souvenir coins or tokens. Or will trade 10 or more 1968 Howard City Mich Centennial souvenir coins for your equal number Mich souvenir coins or medals. Will buy or trade for any tokens, medals, GAR badges, related numismatica from Big Rapids or Mecosta County. Norman G Peterson R1 Box 51 Big Rapids Mich 49307.
- Trade: Collection of 1000 diff transportation tokens for a collection of 1000 diff trade tokens Illinois preferred. Ore H Vacketta Box 3 Westville Ill 61883.
- Wanted: Michigan Wooden Nickels. Will buy or trade for any Michigan wooden nickel type "Good For" issued by businesses etc. They must say "Good For" something such as 5¢ in trade, coffee, etc. Raymon d E. Olson 32137 Oakley Livonia Mich 48154.
- For Sale: For 10¢ each and SASE my personal wooden nickel Hottest Wooden Money Collector - 9 miles from Hell Mich. Debbie Clark 3367 Jewell Road Howell Mich 48843.
- Wanted: Michigan Trade Tokens, Civil War Store Cards, better Michigan Transportation Tokens. Will buy or trade for. Pay high for what I can use. Have better out of state trans tokens. Wanted: Parking tokens from Hillsdale, Croyvan, Holland, Ludington. Also interested in older Mich wooden money. Don McElvey 2822-19th Ave Port Huron Mich 48060.
- Wanted: Michigan Souvenir and Commemorative Medals especially 1955 Hastings, 1960 Rogers City, and most issues in 1969 and 1970. Have some traders old and new or will buy. Norma F Killinger 31601 W Chicago Livon Ia Mich 48150.

- 1 Please list all bids by lot numbers.
- 2 All lots guaranteed as represented - 10 days return full refund.
- 3 NO BUYER'S PREMIUM. I NOTIFY YOU & SEND YOU A BILL.
- 4 To all sales under \$10 will be added 35¢ postage & handling.
- 5 Prices realized \$1.00.
- 6 ADD \$3.00 MAIL TO: MRS. DOROTHY BIGHAM ANA TALE
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LOT #

- 1-Rochester Mich Centennial Official 1969 trade token 50¢-size BU
- 2-Rochester Mich Centennial Medal 1969 (500 official issue) 50¢ size oxidized BU in holder as issued. MIN BID \$4.00.
- 3-Rochester Mich Centennial Official 1969 WOOD set 3 pieces 1-3-5 oblon gs new limited issue scarce. MIN BID \$2.75.
- 4-Rochester Mich 1935 Avon Two Double Jubilee 25¢ black oblong, most were destroyed, VLRY SCARCE, MIN BID \$8.50.
(I need 1935 Rochester wood pcs. State your price).
- 5-Edinburgh Scotland transportation set 6 pcs, 1 to 6 pence diff colored plastic, round, replaced with new with change over of money system 2/15/71, average set.
- 6-Halifax, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia set of 11 pcs, 1 thru 5 goldine, 1 thru 5 brass, both for Truck, 1 for Auto & Sta Wagon, white n BUDD COMMISSION boxed 1970 mint condition.
- 7-North Adams Mich, William's Mill set 9 pcs alum 50¢-25¢-3 diff 10¢-3 diff 5¢-one 1¢, BU - Min Bid \$8.50.
- 8-Latrobe Penna 1945-70 Newcomer 25 yrs craftsmanship in carbide, Rev: 1945-70 Newcomer the Big Change in the carbide industry, 3" round silver type metal, heavy for paper weight, limited issue.
- 9-Mirror Card Pittsburg Penna 3"x2" oval shape, stones for ea month in bright color around edge on black background, center white with Mirroddi Jewelers-Watches-Diamonds-Jewelry-Watch Repairing- Electronically Tested for Accuracy on these Promises with our Watch Master. Picture of man, woman, boy and girl on corners. Reverse is mirror. XF.
- 10-Mirror Card Gettysburg Pa 2" round, stones for ea month around edge in bright color, center white w/printing: Peoples Drug Store-The Rexall Kodak Victrola Store-Gettysburg-Pa. Bell 16-J. United 162-W. Mirror perfect, scarce.
- 11-Communion Token Edinburgh Scotland oval white metal, around edge Free Church of Scotland, within oval in center H.N.C. (New North Church) Edinburgh 1843. Reverse: Do this in remembrance of me. But let a man examine himself. #KL-250-AU. Scarce.
- 12-Milk Token Barnesboro Ohio oval alum. Sanitary Dairy, Barnesboro, Ohio. Reverse: Good for 1 quart of milk. AU.
- 13-Milk Token same as above but smaller for 1 pint of milk.
- 14-Anchorage Alaska round alum. Around edge Chick-n-burger-Palmer 1961. Across center Anchorage Alaska. Reverse Good for 25¢ in trade.
- 15-Dwight Neb BI/Metal round 50¢-size brass with white metal center. Farmer's Mercantile Co Dwight Neb on brass. \$1.00 in center. Reverse: Good for-in trade on brass, \$1.00 in center. VF scarce.
- 16-Prisoner of War-British Expo North Africa white metal round 50¢-size. P of W, TCH N, B L F. Rev: 1 FR. Rust spot on rev F/VF scarce.
- 17-Civil War Store Card Pontiac Mich #770-B brass Norris & Hossinger- Dealers in Hardware, Iron, Steel, Nails & Glass. Rev: 1863, Good Samaritan. BU. V variety NI for IN. MIN Bid \$9.00.

FROM SCOTLAND

John Laing, our good member #386 in Scotland, has done an enormous research in listing the Masonic Lodges in his country and throughout the British commonwealth. Part of this listing, through #592, has already appeared in issues of the Junk Box. As space permits we will continue this listing. A second additional list has been received, now through #1655. Should anyone wish information before space permits, your editor has this list. And now Mr. Laing plans another study and says "I will get cracking with the list of Royal Arch Chapters actively working under the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland - there are not so many of these, about 800 all told."

Last June Mr Laing suffered an other heart attack, but his August air letter informed us he was progressing very well and thoroughly enjoys the Junk Box.

GLUCKSJETONS (GOOD LUCK TOKENS)

by Melvin Fuld #141

If one were in a night club in Germany or Austria on New Years Eve, he would be treated to a custom quite old. At midnight a stuffed pig with an apple in his mouth would be circulated and the patrons would touch the pig for good luck for the New Year. He would also be given a token which if he kept would bring him good luck.

For a number of years the Vienna Mint has been making GOOD LUCK TOKENS. The 1972 pieces are exceptionally well struck and may be purchased from the mint. The pieces are struck in a number of metals: 585 feinem gold (fine gold), 900 feinem silber (fine silver), bronze vergoldet (bronze gold plated), bronze versilbert (bronze silver plated), and bronze.

Obverse: Around top rim, PROSIT NEUJAHR (your health). In left center, a sign. In center, an open automobile with a man and a woman. At right, a church. Below car at left, a pig. At bottom rim, 1972 followed by a horseshoe.

Reverse: In six lines, BIN ICH / AUCH NUR / KLEIN UND RUND / BRING DOCH / GLUCK ICH / JEDE STUND. In exergue the type of metal.

The size is 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm, with a plain edge. The reverse roughly translates "I bring you luck every hour of the New Year." The pig, clover leaf, and horseshoe are all good luck symbols.

The gold piece could not be imported, but we were able to import the other metals.

ANOTHER THANK YOU

by Ray Olson #95

Some of you, especially collectors of Michigan tokens, may recall my short article on the Petermann Stores tokens from the Upper Peninsula, in the last issue of Junk Box. There were no more than 3 responses, but one response alone would have been sufficient encouragement to try to write something on tokens again. This response came from Norman G Peterson of Big Rapids who wrote:

"Thanks for your articles in the Junk Box. I was pleased to be able to identify my Petermann Stores tokens. I enclose one which is missing from your collection, and am happy to give you this one. I got them at the last MSNS meeting last April and have wondered what their origin was as to city and state. I have two more of them, and now your article identifies them for me."

Mr. Peterson's valued contribution to my collection was the 50¢ one with the A in the circle, which identifies the tokens as originating in ALICUZ, Mich. Thank you sincerely, Norman.

Now would you other amateur writers like to try your luck?

CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted: Will buy or trade for these pieces Michigan wooden money:

Allegan '34 10¢-25¢	Muskegon Hgts '53 10¢-25¢	Jackson '54 6 diff
Breckenridge 61 black	Negaunee 65 blue	Lake Orion '59 red
Charlevoix 35 black	Paw Paw 59 black	Manistique 60 black
Chelsea 59 3 colors	Fowler 57 4 diff	Midland 50 6 diff
Clinton 63 3 colors	Richmond 64 Indian rev	River Rouge 47 10-25¢
Escanaba 47 24 diff	Vicksburg 52 5-10-25¢	Rochester Avon (3)
Fau Claire 61 10¢ black	Gladstone 37	Rockwood 61 red sur
Fenton 34 2nd issue blk	Harbor Springs 39 black	Romeo 34 10-25¢ blk
Munising 52 green	Hell 63 red	St Louis 38 5-10-25¢
		Wyandotte 54 10-25¢

George Parfet (Pres IOWMC) 729 Euclid Ave Temple Pa 19560

Trade: Michigan Car Wash tokens. I have Adrian (Senac), Blissfield (Be-Ja), Howell (Sofspra), Jackson (KMT), Livonia (Zax), Marquette (Sofspra) and Unionville (Zip's). I need Monroe 650A, Temperance 922a, and Warren 935A. Raymond E Olson 32137 Oakley Livonia Mich 48154.

Wanted: Chauffeur Badges from Mich (state). There are just a few I am still looking for. Paul F Brandel 1456 Eastern Ave SE Grand Rapids Mich 49507.

Wanted: Scarce to rare tokens, medals, and coins of the world. Also need pre 1952 political items. Have many tokens to trade or will pay cash for items I Need. May I hear from you? Robert I Williams 3340 Garfield, Ferndale Mich 48220.

Sale or Trade: Set of 4 trade checks from C D SCOTT, KUTTAWA KENTUCKY. "Bring us your produce, we raise the price." Aluminum 10-25-50¢ and \$1.00. Will trade for love tokens or you make cash bid. THREE SETS only. Mrs Norma K Killinger 31601 W Chicago, Livonia Mich 48150.

Wanted: Michigan Centennial Coins: 1955 Hastings, 1969 Hillsdale (antiqued), and others. What do you have to trade or sell? Will welcome hearing from anyone regarding old or new Mich centennial coins, medals or tokens. Don McKolvey 2822-19th Ave Port Huron Mich 48068.

Trade: Michigan parking tokens. I have to trade Battle Creek 3060A, Grand Rapids 3370 C and F, Holly 3465 A, Jackson 3525 A, Kalamazoo 3530 A and C, Marquette 3605 A, Monroe 3650 A, Muskegon 3999 B, Tipton 3925 A, Traverse City 3930 B, and Trenton 3935 A. I need the following: Flint 3315 A and B, Grand Rapids 3370 B-D-H-I and K, Lansing 3560 A, Traverse City 3930 C, and Muskegon 3999 C. Raymond E Olson 32137 Oakley, Livonia Mich 48154.

VIETNAM MILITARY TOKENS

Military service clubs in Vietnam have made wide use of club tokens. For the most part these are mess tokens and merchandise tokens in nickel, dime and quarter denominations.

Edward B Hoffman #395 of 3505 Cassin Place Philadelphia Pa 19145 has compiled a detailed list alphabetically of hundreds of these service clubs, the hundreds of tokens in his own collection, and his duplicates he has to sell or trade. I believe he will send a copy of his 6-page list to a member who requests one, or your editor has an extra copy or two.

A TRUE STORY

A Mich-TAMS member was serving with the US 1st Infantry Division in New Guinea in 1943. During the Salamaua campaign, which ended up being 76 consecutive days in combat, and for which President Truman in 1945 awarded to each soldier there the Presidential Citation, a token was found on a mud trail in the jungle by a buddy. This buddy, knowing our member was a stamp and coin collector, gave our member this token. The buddy some days later was killed in action.

After combat our member wrote home inquiring of a neighbor lady if she knew what it might be - the "coin" as he then thought it was. After the war was over this lady gave back to our member two letters he had written her about this coin. He now values these letters. He thought possible this was a gold coin and because around the top of the obverse it reads ONE DOUBLOON he asked if it might be an old Irish coin. The coin is half dollar size. Around the bottom of the obverse is "anno 1650 domini" (the year of our Lord 1650). On reverse is boldly shown a sailor or possibly an Indian with drawn sword. In the background are clouds, the sea, and a sailing vessel. Legend at top PIRATE GOLD, and at bottom, the same at obverse, "1650." Oh, on obverse is the head of a soldier like maybe a helmeted Spaniard. The design and minting is beautifully done.

Now 29 years later our member still knows not what he has but having knowledge now he knows it is brass and not gold. It has nothing to do with Ireland. It is not a coin of any country. And coins were not "minted" like this in 1650. So is it a souvenir such as a young person would have searched for in a breakfast cereal years ago? Is it something like a spökelmark only larger? Or maybe a game counter such as one might have found in use at the shuffleboard courts in Florida? Detroit numismatist Ben Stocker is the only one who has even made a guess and he suggests possibly a game counter.

Our member in all these years had never seen or heard of another like it -- until at the Mich-TAMS show in Ann Arbor last fall. There was one in a dealer's trading stock book. It was in a 2x2 holder, but not identified, and the man at the table knew nothing about it, but it was priced at \$1.50. Our member was so surprised, and busy looking at political items, that he even failed to purchase it. It was in more worn condition than the New Guinea piece.

Who can identify this token -- or medal -- or whatever it may be?

DID YOU KNOW THAT-----?

On the OPA redpoint cardboard tokens used in rationing during WW II there are 2 letters of the alphabet, 1 on either side of the large numeral 1, and that the IV combination is the scarce one to find.

The word "brummagem" is in Webster's, and also in Dick Brister's political items book.

Pete Hartley of Fenton Mich who is our member #18 was member #7 in the Livingston County Coin Club 11 years ago.

Collectors of tokens, medals, wood money, political items, and the like are known as exonomists. The prefix "exo" means out of, or outside.

The 1935 Stockbridge Centennial issued the first ROUND wooden nickels in Michigan.